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| Appl. No. | : | 09/852,225 | Confirmation No.: | 4231 |
| Applicant | : | Mitsuru AKAIKE | Art Unit: | 3632 |
| Filed | : | May 9, 2001 | Examiner: | Naschica S. MORRISON |
| Title | : | STOPPER DEVICE AND TELESCOPIC UNIT | | |

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the
above-identified patent application upon which prosecution is closed.

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1. The issue fee in this application (check one):

Has not been paid;

Has been paid, and this request is accompanied by a petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.313.

2. This request is accompanied by the fee specified in 37 C.F.R §1.17(e) and a submission in the form of (check one):

Consider the amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on September 8, 2003.

(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)

Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on .

An amendment of the description, claims or drawings;

A Request for Reconsideration containing new arguments;

A Request for Reconsideration submitting new evidence of patentability;

An Information Disclosure Statement;

Other (specify)

3. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of months. The required fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) is enclosed.
(Suspension not to exceed three months).

4. A Petition for Extension of Time accompanies this Request.

5. A check in the amount of \$ 880 is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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